



I watched Legally Blonde ( 2 0 0 1 ) today and it's so quaint to see a time when people basically trusted the system. She goes and works at a "prestigious law firm" like this is some kind of victory, but in reality the whole system was a huge circlejerk.

I toured a bunch of Chinese factories last week. One was installing 1 0 0 new CNC machines, and there was no hype or secrecy around it. They straight up told me it was \$ 2 0 k a machine. [These sort of vibes](#). "I'm gonna tell you what I'm doing, and you can try to compete, but I'll still crush you." And I believe them. As cheap as comma is and as much as we love vertical integration, we are going to continue to work with that factory.

The big question: are most people in America productive or unproductive? If it's the former, why can't we solve this with democracy? Jail for the cronies and rent-seekers, [wireheading city](#) for the homeless, and no more medicare or social security.

But I fear it's the latter: 7 3 . 9 million people are on social security. There's 2 5 8 million people over 1 8 in the US, so 2 8 % of voters are on the take. And that's just one group of the unproductive. There's everyone who is working in made up fake systems where both sides ratchet up complexity when really the whole thing should go away.

I think the most people are unproductive ship has sailed. America got 5 1 % attacked.

*A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship.*

Can we get a good dictator and not a South America style one? America (people like Elon and Jensen, who are both first-generation immigrants btw) can rival China, partially if we can attract talent from all over the world, but not if this clown show continues. Everyone does understand that productive capacity is how wars are won and lost, right? Would you bet on 1 0 0 CNC machines or 1 0 0 lawyers?

